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Sir:

Applicant claims foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119 on the basis of the foreign application identified below:

Japanese Patent Application No. 2001-156396, filed May 25, 2001.

A certified copy of the priority document is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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